TO THE EDITOR :

WHAT DO THE WORDS GAY & LESBIAN MEAN TO YOU ? AND FOR WHAT REASONS AND DESIRES MAKE YOU FEEL A PART OF THE GAY OR LESBIAN COMMUNITY ? I WAS RECENTLY ASKED THESE QUESTIONS , AND I REALLY HADEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT AN ANSWER. I SAID THAT GAY MEANS TO ME A TOLLERANT COMMUNITY THAT I CAN INTERFACE WITH AND BE A PART OF. UPON FURTHER THOUGHT I WOULD PROBABLY ANSWER THAT GAY & LESBIAN MEANS , AN ATTRACTION TO THE SAME SEX, A SAME SEX RELATIONSHIP . THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE RIGHT ANSWER EITHER.

I BELIEVE THAT IF EVERYONE LOOKS AT THE KINSEY SCALE IN PFLAG'S LITTLE BLUE BOOK, THAT SHOWS A CHART WITH HETEROSEXUAL ON ONE END AND HOMOSEXUAL ON THE OTHER WITH DIFFERENT DEGREES OF SAME OR OPPOSITE SEXUAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE , IF EVERYONE WOULD BE HONEST WITH THEMSELVES IN TAKING THIS TEST, THEY WOULD REALISE THAT THEMSELVES AND MOST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD SHOULD ACTUALLY BE LABLED BISEXUAL. THAT VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY ON EITHER END OF THE SCALE.

WHERE DO THE TRANSGENDERED PUOPLE FIT INTO THE SCHEME OF THINGS. CAN IT BE SAID THAT NOT ALL, BUT MANY GAY & LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS HAVE ONE PARTNER LIVING OR PRACTICING SOMEWHAT OF AN OPPOSITE GENDER ROLL ? DOES THIS MEAN THAT ONE PARTNER IS SOMEWHAT HETEROSEXUAL AND NOT HOMOSEXUAL ? IS HOMOSEXUALITY BASED ON TWO PEOPLE BIOLOGICALLY THE SAME SEX, OR IS IT BASED OPON SEXUAL ATTRACTION ONLY ? OR IS HOMOSEXUALITY BASED ON WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS YOU ARE ?

JUST TO FURTHER CONFUSE THINGS LETS TAKE A LOOK AT MY LIFE. I AM A M-F TRANSSEXUAL PRE-OP. DAN AND I HAVE LIVED TOGETHER AS MAN AND WIFE FOR 15 YEARS NOW. BOTH OF US BEING BIOLOGICAL MALES WE ARE CONCIDERED TO BE GAY BY MOST PEOPLE. BUT I NEVER THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A GAY MAN, BUT MORE AS A HETEROSEXUAL WOMAN BORN WITH AN OUTIE INSTEAD OF AN INNEY. MY BIRTH CIRTIFICATE AND DRIVERS LISCENSE WILL ALWAYS SAY M MEANING MALE EVEN AFTER I HAVE SURGERY. WE STILL CAN'T BE MARRIED AS A STRAIGHT COUPLE CAN BE. WE WILL ALWAYS FACE SOME OF THE HARASSMENT THE GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY DOES BECAUSE NO TRANSSEXUAL CAN PASS AS THE OPPOSITE SEX TO 100 % OF THE PEOPLE 100 % OF THE TIME.

SO WOULD YOU SAY DAN AND I ARE A STRAIGHT COUPLE OR A GAY COUPLE ?. WHAT OFFICIALLY QUALIFIES A PERSON OR COUPLE TO CALL THEMSELVES GAY OR LESBIAN ???
THE SUBJECT ALL PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IS, JUST WHAT LABLE THEY SHOULD PUT ON THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT YOU AND YOUR READERS THINK ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IF AN EXPERT HAS AN OPPINION ABOUT THIS I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THAT TOO.

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